

Madison County Montana LEPC

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Minutes May 20, 2021
EOP Review: Annex J MCI
Call to Order: 1800

Introductions: list of attendees

Present

Scott McClintic-Chair-MVRVFD
Joseph Brummell-SEC-DES
Robert Wallingford-DES
Van Puckett-MADCO Sanitation
Lynda Holt-911 Commo Dir
Alex Hogle-MADCO Plans
Emilie Sayler-MADCO Pub Health Dir
Mark Fiege-HRVFD
Clay Blake-HRVFD
Pete Armstrong-HRVFD
Toni James-VCRVFD

Dial/Login

Nicholas Efta-MVEMS
Jillian Acosta-MVMC
Don Copple-DNRC
Jake Stewart-MVSAR
Tommy Luksha-MADCO GIS
Paul Roose-Forest Service FMO

Approval of minutes from January 21, 2021, and May 18, 2021; Rob Wallingford motion, Lynda Holt 2nd, none-opposed, no discussion, motion to approve minutes passed. (Due to email issues both minutes listed were not able to be effectively distributed to LEPC members for review prior to previous LEPC meetings)

Approval of Power Outage Annex: Rob Wallingford motion, Lynda Holt 2nd, non-opposed, no discussion, motion to approve annex passed.

1. Committee Reports:

DES (Joseph Brummell): Defer until COVID-19 update (see attachment for copy).

Communications (Lynda Holt): All IT has been converting to a private company that complies with FBI/Criminal Justice Network regulations in order to be secured. Should be completed by June 1, 2021. New potential dispatchers coming soon. Next project is updating our radio consoles.

Public Health (Emilie Sayler): Brand new Director for the past 9 maybe 10 days. Most of my time has been working with budgeting and finance. In the past I worked at Ruby Valley Medical in the ER as a CAN as well as working with the EMT. I have also worked with the Ruby Valley Hospital for the past 7 yrs mostly in the finance section.

MADCO Sanitation (Van Puckett): Recently returned from a deployment, trying to catchup. We are in the process of hiring a new part-time position in the office starting June 1, 2021.

MADCO Plans (Alex Hogle): Our focus points in the planning office have ramped up. We are seeing steady requests for sub-divisions, flood plain development permeants, and new addressing requests. To note a large number of parcels that were created in the 80's it seems like folks are finally putting houses in areas where roads were never developed. Our current addressing Pre-Construction Safety Review (PCSR) process is requested in our office and forwarded to DES for review and to address concerns. Once signed the temporary portion becomes permeant. Some newer Sub-Division requests are starting to add requests on both sides both Sheridan and Ennis. We have also addressed some measures that appear to be important working with the town of Ennis to bring in some better criteria to include public health and safety. During a recent review there are few if any concerns addressing emergency services. This is just not adequate. We are working to assist with an interim zoning that allows matters of emergency to be able to work on specific provisions with specific outcomes in mind.

(Scott McClintic) If we can help with that at all, we would be more than willing. This involves all emergency services.

(Alex Hogle) This is why I wanted to speak with you today, I meet with the town of Ennis today, there are some mixed views on the height of buildings. We will be in touch with you to get your input and assistance with what your height capabilities actually are. And prospects for the future on additional equipment needs.

VCRVFD (Toni James): Our generator is now up and running.

HRVFD (Pete Armstrong): We have had 8 incidents this last month, also have purchases some new AED's. There are now 5 AED's in Harrison and Pony now. We also have our generator now hooked up at the fire hall.

MVEMS (Nicholas Efta): Still getting our feet wet, we are now staffed and responding to calls. With a primary and secondary crew within the district. Looking forward to getting working relations with other responders in the county.

MVMC (Jillian Acosta): We have been working on integrating the new EMS crew into the hospital. Next week we have a fire extinguisher training. On June 8, 2021 (11:00 am – 4:00 pm) we are conducting hot load training with LifeFlight. Anybody who wants to come join us send me a quick email with an estimate of people to attend.

DNRC (Don Copple): On Monday we start our seasonal staff. We are expecting to be short-handed this year in the leadership side of things. We received 0 Engine Boss applications. We do have several fire fighters staffed this year. COOP truck inspections start next week, Harrison please text me your door combo. Twin Bridges is set to receive the new truck sometime in June.

MVSAR (Jake Stewart): At this point we already surpassed our yearly average (300% increase year to date). In the next month we plan on diving into the lamResponding.

Forest Service Madison District (Paul Roose): Our seasonal crews are on we just finished our crew critical week. Our 2 normal staffed Type VI engines on hand with about 15 folks altogether. Our permanent staff has had lots of changes. Jim King is acting as the Forest FMO for the summer, I will be filling in behind Jim here, we brought in Mike King for the AFMO, a detailer is coming in Matt Arastikot (spelling?). We lost Randy Gilbert to the Wise River Helitac, Jeff was scheduled to go on a detail he is recovering very well. Regionally all our Type 1 Shot crews are staffed, our Helitac crews are doing well, our management teams are looking good as well.

RVSAR (Tommy Luksha): We have conducted Wilderness Advanced First Aid, Wilderness First Responder, LifeFlight hot loading, Swift Water, as well as a massive inter-agency training coming up in July. I believe we are up to 22 members.

MADCO GIS (Tommy Luksha): Gallatin County GIS has had 100% turnover, they may not be mapping Big Sky anymore. GIS has requested 2 staff this year with 1 specifically to work 911 issues and data clean up. The other to organize the foundational data.

2. Old Business:

- COVID-19 Update: see enclosed power point presentation
- Propane Tank Debris Letter of Concern / Public Outreach (see enclosures): First enclosure is a letter of concern for propane companies, the other is more of a community outreach. DES will see about pushing the public outreach flyer to the communities. Motion made by Lynda Holt to proceed, 2nd by Pete Armstrong, none-opposed, no discussion, motion to proceed with information mailers passed.

3. New Business:

- 2021 Wildland Season: Predictive Center outlook (see enclosed)
- T-Mobile testing: (see enclosed) T-Mobile has a new first responder promotion. A phone has been requested to test their services. From early looks a majority of the top half of the county has been tested with great results.
- District Resource Updates: Fire Districts (see enclosed) send me your apparatus updates so we can update 911 CAD. Please update as apparatus status changes.
- Structure/Wildland Cause and Determination: Wildland Determination in process of coordination with DNRC. Structural internal we are going through the International Association of Arson Investigators. This is important with the limited availability of State Fire Marshalls. Letter of support for DES and other Officers to train and assist with Cause and Determination. Motion made by Toni James, 2nd by Lynda Holt, all in favor, none-opposed, no discussion, motion to proceed with information mailers passed.
- Other New Business

4. Training/Meetings:

- New Fire Chief Training: IC refresher/resource management
- MCI IC Training
- RT-130 Wildland Refresher
- June 3-4, 2021 0800-1700; ICS-400 Advanced ICS
Cascade County DES Facility, POC: Brad 406-454-6900 bcall@cascadecountymt.gov
- June 9, 2021 1830 Montana Fire Chiefs Association Webinar Democracy Day (Ignite Your Recruitment and Retention Through Effective Leadership)
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsfu2qqTouE9PpSL9x4fJ69WYt6SY500tV>
- July 7-9, 2021; CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Basic Group and Individual Peer Support
Great Falls, Location TBD, POC: Carol Burroughs 406-580-4443 carolatwork@montana.net
- July 10, 2021 Ruby Valley Search and Rescue joint/multi agency field deployment; hunter/ear injury rescue training
- September 22-24, 2021; CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Basic Group and Individual Peer Support,
Missoula, Location TBD, POC Carol Burroughs 406-580-4443 carolatwork@montana.net
- November 29-Dec 1, 2021; CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Basic Group and Individual Peer Support,
Bozeman, Location TBD, POC Carol Burroughs 406-580-4443
- Every other Tuesday morning 0930 Commissioners COVID-19 Brief
Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>
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Next LEPC meeting July 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Next Fire Chief: June 17, 2021

Next South Western Montana Fire Chiefs Council: TBD

Adjourn: 1934

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POINT OF CONTACT OR LEAD INSTRUCTOR:

EVENT/OR MEETING NAME: LEPC

LOCATION: Ames Building Public Meeting Room

DATE AND TIME: 5/24/21

CONTACT HOURS:

Training/Event/Meeting
Roster



Name / Title:	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded?	Trip Miles	Total Hours	.54 Cost p/m	2016 Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
<u>VAN PUCKETT</u> Organization: <u>MADISON COUNTY</u>	<u>vpuckett@madisoncountymt.gov</u> Address: <u>5968063</u>	Yes / No				23.56	
<u>Lynda Holt</u> Organization: <u>MCSO</u>	<u>Lholt@madisoncountymt.gov</u> Address:	Yes / No				23.56	
<u>Alex Hogle</u> Organization:	<u>ahogle@madisoncountymt.gov</u> Address:	Yes / No				23.56	
<u>EMILIE SAYLER</u> Organization: <u>MCPHD</u>	<u>esayler@madisoncountymt.gov</u> Address:	Yes / No				23.56	
<u>Mark Fiege</u> Organization: <u>HVFD</u>	<u>mark.fiege@gmail.com</u> Address:	Yes / No				23.56	
<u>Clay Blake</u> Organization: <u>HVFD</u>	<u>blakeca7@msn.com</u> Address:	Yes / No				23.56	
<u>Pete Armstrong</u> Organization: <u>HVFD</u>	<u>armstrongpet@tob</u> Address:	Yes / No				23.56	

CONTACT HOURS:



Name / Title: Toni James	E-mail or Phone #: ranksmere@yahoo.com	EMPG/Federally Funded?	Trip Miles	Total Hours	.54 Cost p/m	2016 Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: VCRFD	Address:	Yes / No —				23.56	
Name / Title: Scott McClinton	E-mail or Phone #:	EMPG/Federally Funded?	Trip Miles	Total Hours	.54 Cost p/m	2016 Hourly \$ for Volunteers	Total Soft Match
Organization: MLARD	Address:	Yes / NO				23.56	
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Minutes January 21, 2021
EOP Review: Power Outage Annex
Call to Order: 1801

Introductions: list of attendees

Present

Scott McClintic
Joseph Brummell
Robert Wallingford

Dial/Login

Bob Fry Montana DES
Jillian Acosta MVH
Jim King US Forest Service; Madison District FMO
Pete Armstrong HRVFD
Lynda Holt Dispatch/911

Approval of minutes from November 19, 2020: motion made by Robert Wallingford, 2nd by Melissa Brummell, none opposed, no discussion, motion to approve minutes passed.

Approval of updates to Annex H Mass Care: motion made by Melissa Brummell, 2nd by Robert Wallingford, no discussion, motion to approve changes to Annex H Mass Care passed.

1. Committee Reports:

DES (Joseph Brummell): Defer until COVID-19 update.

Communications (Lynda Holt): New CAD goes live next week, lots of training has been conducted. Our two new dispatchers have both passed their final tests Brooke Sandelmyer, and Kayland Garrison. On 9 Feb we will be conducting new interviews for a new dispatcher.

Sheriff (Lynda Holt): There is some new equipment being placed in the vehicles in addition with our new CAD. This helps give the deputies easier access to the system and better coverage. Applications to hire should begin soon for more deputy positions.

HRVFD (Pete Armstrong): We have made some adjustments on placing our engines within the district. A tender has been moved to station 2. Along with 6-11 to the station in Pony giving them an engine and water tender. An engine and 2 type six in Harrison, a type six and tender in station 2. We just received a vehicle from California, a large tender it will go online once some work is completed.

Forest Service (Jim King): Hiring season is starting, for our seasonal employees for the upcoming summer. BLM is going to continue to burn within the county. 2 burns upcoming in May/April up in the Ruby and Antelope Basin. We will reach out to districts to see if they want some training. Two more permanent staff within the district are being filled (recreation, and fisheries biologist). EOR.

Madison Valley Hospital (Jillian Acosta): The hospital is actively recruiting for our Hospital Based EMS Service coming online as of May 1, 2021. Interviews are being conducted, once manager is in place if it would be ok to bring that manager to these meetings. We are implementing a single patient decon system in the little garage space. This will assist with anyone coming into the ER with bear spray or other contaminants to be decontaminated prior to entering facility. Question (Scott McClintic) "we would like to come and tour the hospital to help new firefighters with familiarization." Answer: We can schedule something for late March.

The hospital is also wondering about the new capacity for the Ennis Airport with more flights coming in are we going to have to adjust our emergency operations plans in the uptake of travel? We were just wondering if there is someone we can talk to and see about fuel capacity and personnel coming into the airport.

Answer (Scott McClintic): as far as we know the fuel capacity is the same but the people/air planes coming in is rather large. These are not commercial plans they are private jets not carrying large numbers of people. At some point of time with more flights coming in this is something we need to address.

The hospital would like to be involved in any discussions to help us plan for any mass casualty events. We also conducted some BLS training back in November. The offer is up to assist with any other agencies in the county we can provide this training for certifications or recertifications.

Montana DES (Bob Fry): Everyone is waiting for the vaccine, almost like waiting on resources on fires. Most jurisdictions are struggling wondering when the vaccine is going to come. Once it does how are we going to keep up. Once the vaccine is more available we see the public being more demanding. The recent clinic in Lewis and Clark with nearly 500 vaccines the clinic was booked in around 8 minutes. Plans need to be in place once the vaccines are pushed by the Feds so we can be able to vaccinate on a large scale. There are software systems that can assist that would help a majority of the people being able to use that and schedule their shots. Other problems we had when we were testing in locations is determining what your testing capacity is to be able to determine the influx of individuals wanting to receive shots. Start making plans with your available resources, pharmacies and other partners that can assist you to conduct large scale vaccinations and be successful.

MVRFD (Scott McClintic): We have responded to a chimney fire, a couple CO calls, along with a couple car wrecks.

2. Old Business:

- 2020 Emergency Response Guidebook: if anyone needs more copies see the DES office.
- COVID-19 Update: see enclosed power point presentation (send updates to Jim King)
- New Fire Chief Training Program: next training session resource management
- Ambulance District/Funding update: ongoing.

3. New Business:

- Power Outage Annex: (cross off mistake)
- Public Health Champack SOP: SOP in the works, possible review next LEPC
- Montana Fire Alliance Current Legislative Session: (see enclosure from Montana Fire Alliance)

4. Training/Meetings:

- Every Monday morning 0800 IC Huddle
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.
<https://www.gotomeet.me/MelissaBrummell>
You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: 1-844-309-2073 or 1-571-317-3129
Access Code: 289-992-789
- Every Tuesday morning 0930 Commissioners COVID-19 Brief
Meeting link: <https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>
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- Wildland Basic Training: see enclosed.

Next LEPC meeting March 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Next Fire Chief: February 18, 2021

Next South Western Montana Fire Chiefs Council: March 17, 2021

Adjourn: 1900

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Minutes March 18, 2021
EOP Review: Power Outage Annex
Call to Order: 1800

Introductions: list of attendees

<u>Present</u>	<u>Dial/Login</u>
Scott McClintic	Tammy Estensen
Joseph Brummell	Lyn Baughn Public Health
Robert Wallingford	Mike Dietrich SRVFD

Approval of minutes from January 21, 2021: Due to email issues within Madison County the minutes will be pushed out and voted on during the next LEPC meeting.

Approval of Power Outage Annex: recommendation is made to keep annex as draft copy (work in progress) until it is able to be tested.

1. Committee Reports:

DES (Joseph Brummell): Defer until COVID-19 update (see attachment for copy).

Public Health (Lyn Baughn): Currently running 5 cases, with 3 closed out. 1 Resident is currently hospitalized.

SRVFD (Mike Dietrich): We were able to acquire a tender that will be in service soon. We have some controlled burns coming up this weekend. The only activity has been a couple chimney fires.

MVRFD (Scott McClintic): Our recent wildland call was from a fisherman along the Madison not putting out his warming fare. Responding we had several vehicles become stuck trying to respond due to the area and rough terrain around the fire.

2. Old Business:

- COVID-19 Update: see enclosed power point presentation
- Current Legislative Session: the following are being followed closely (HB 121 elected officials' approval of all local health board and health officer actions, HB 316 revising appealing public health decisions, HB 264 slow down and move over law)
- New Fire Chief Training Program: IC review/update, resource management please see DES to schedule your sections/districts

3. New Business:

- PODs (Potential Wildfire Operational Delineations) Collaborative Fire Planning Workshop: more to follow with

preplanning on approach to manage the forests

- 2021 Tier II Reports: new reports are complete see DES for updated packets
- Communities That Care: new program geared towards helping the youth of Madison County if interested in joining CTC notify DES
- False Alarm Fees: resolutions in place by previous DES/Sheriff, if any districts need assistance or need help with facilities with false alarms see DES
- Other New Business: AED's now all districts have at least 2

4. Training/Meetings:

- RVMC MCI March 22, 2021 0900
- RT-130 Wildland Refresher March 22, 2021 1730-2130
Microsoft Teams meeting [Click here to join the meeting](#)
[+1 406-318-5487,,999024788#](#) United States, Billings
Phone Conference ID: 999 024 788#
- Fund Raiser Fire Fighter Zack Thompson March 27, 2021
- MVMC Safety Training April 13, 2021 0800-1200; April 22, 2021 1300-1700
- Every Other Monday 0800 IC Huddle (March 22, 2021)
Please join from your computer, tablet or smartphone. GoToMeeting
<https://www.gotomeet.me/MelissaBrummell>
You can also dial in using your phone.
United States: [+1 \(646\) 749-3112](#)
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Next LEPC meeting May 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

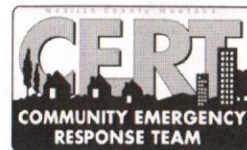
Next Fire Chief: April 29, 2021

Next South Western Montana Fire Chiefs Council: March 17, 2021

Adjourn: 1841



COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing 05/20/21





COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing

Agenda



- Situation Update
- Current/Next Operational Period
- CMD Structure
- Board of Health
- Vaccine Update
- Legislative Update
- Projects
- Comments



COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Situation Update



Madison County

- Confirmed Positives 790
- Active Cases 1
- Recovered 781
- Fatality 8
- Active Hospitalizations 0
- Total Hospitalizations 50



State of Montana

- Confirmed Positives 110,992
- Fatality 1,602
- Active Hospitalizations 55
- Recovered 108,402

United States

- 33.1 M confirmed, 587 K fatalities

Worldwide

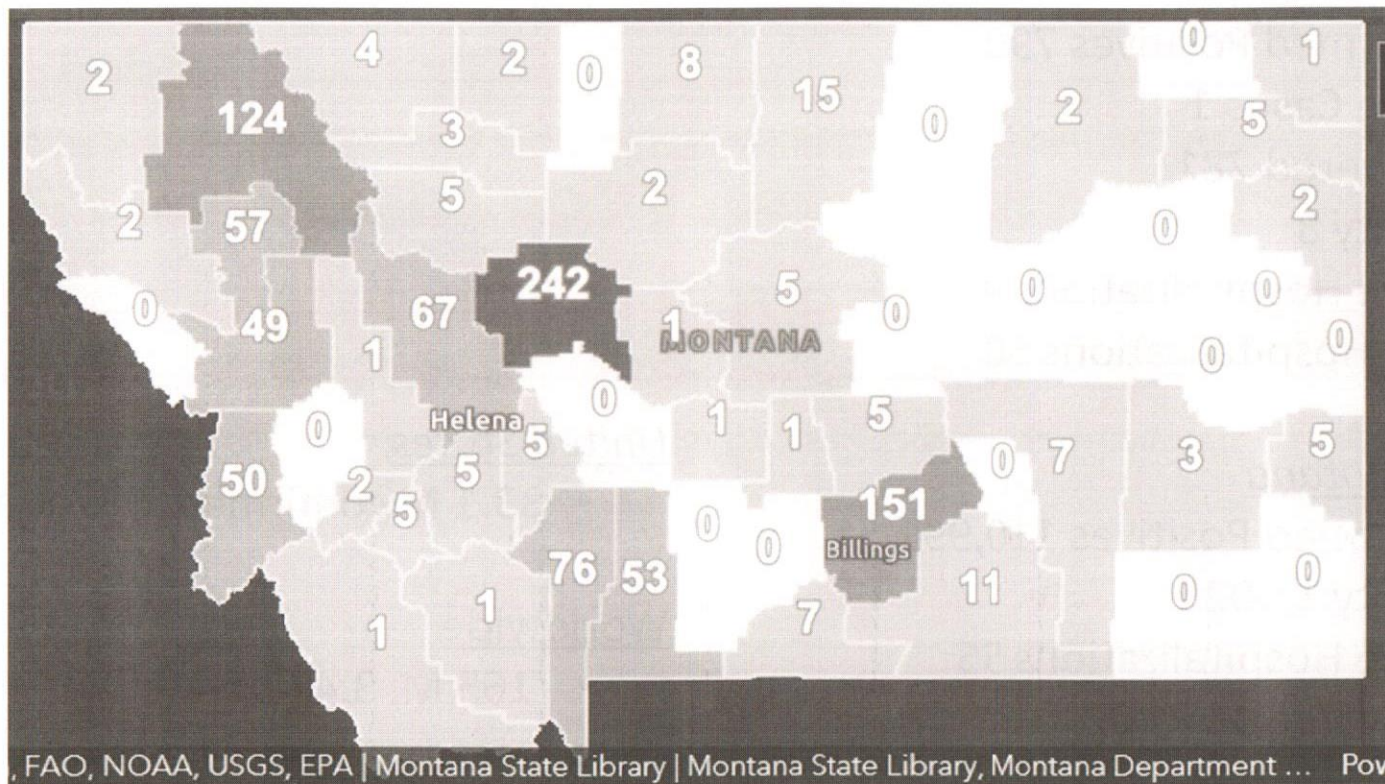
- 165 M, 3.42 M fatalities

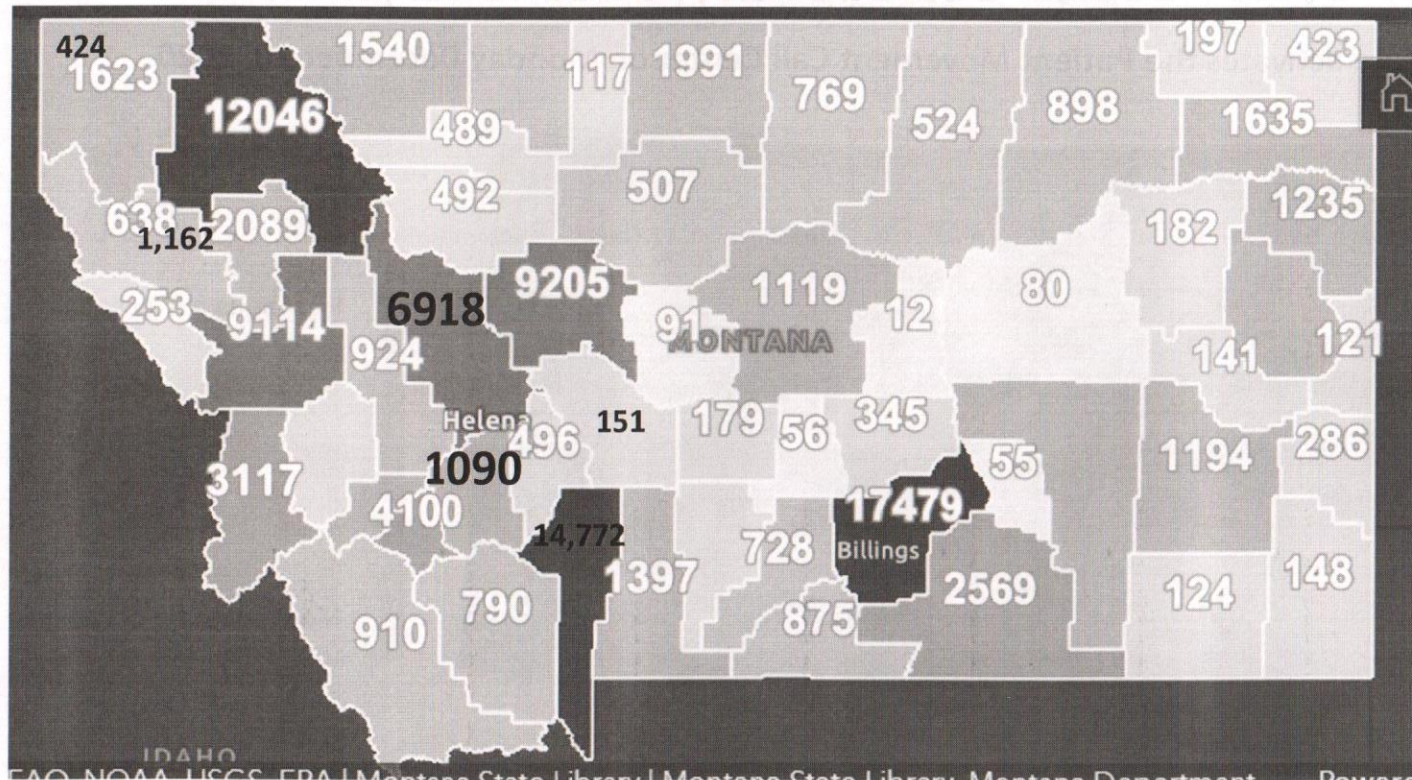
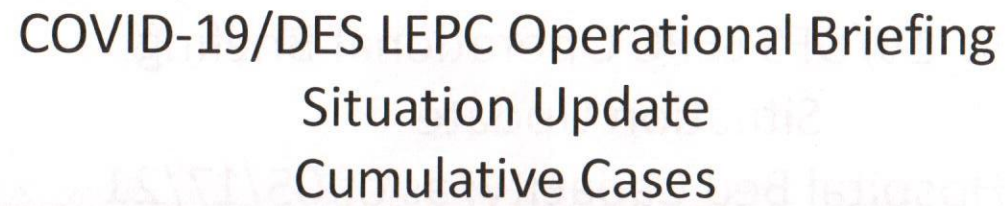


COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing

Situation Update

Current Active Cases





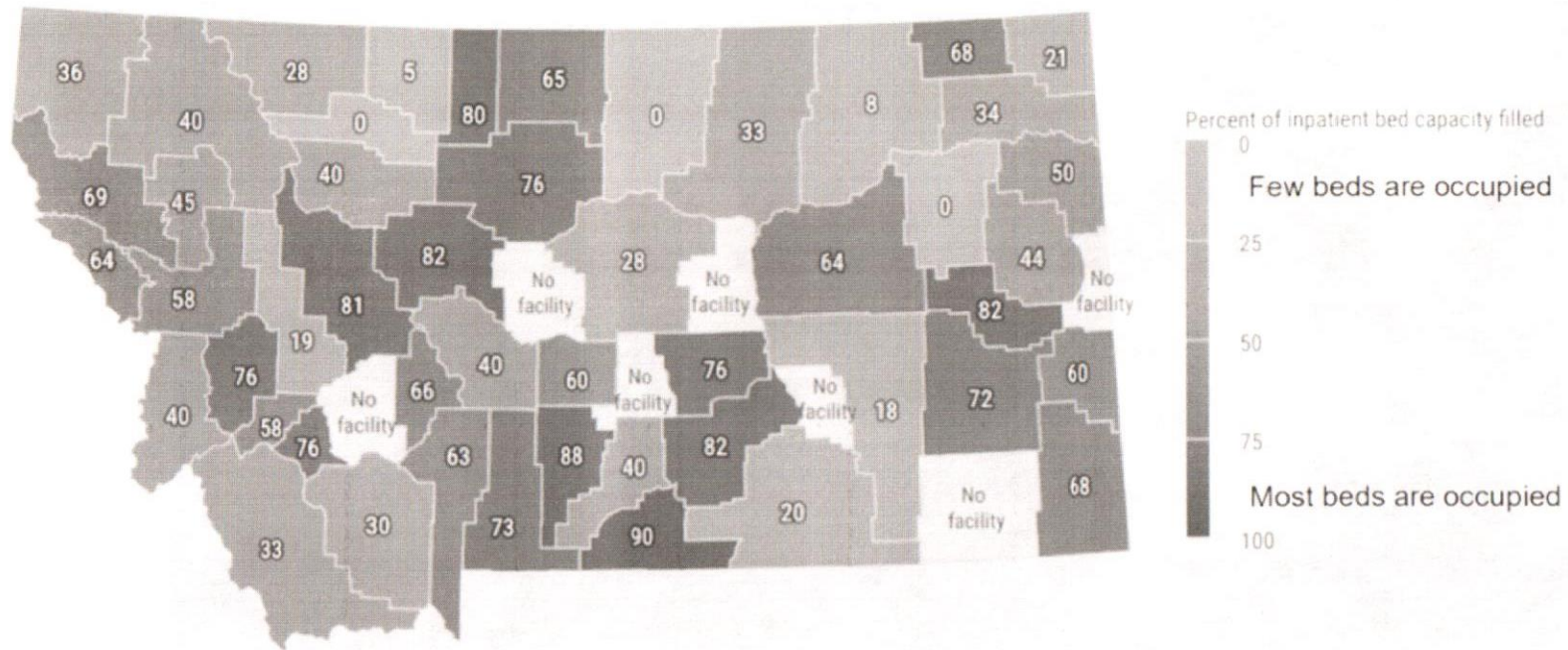


COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Situation Update

State Hospital Bed Capacity: as of 05/17/21



State activates the Patient Movement Call Center on Monday December 10, 2020





COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Situation Update State School-Related: as of 05/14/21



County	School Name	School setting and age group	# staff positive	# students positive	total # cases associated with school	Cases reported in past 14 days?
MADISON	Ennis Elementary	Elementary	4	6	10	NO
	Ennis Middle	Middle	3	5	8	NO
	Ennis High	High	6	10	16	NO
	Harrison Schools	K-12	2	3	5	NO
	Sheridan Elementary/Middle	K-8	7	3	10	NO
	Sheridan High	High	4	9	13	NO
	Twin Bridges Elementary	Elementary	2	1	3	YES
	Twin Bridges Middle	Middle	0	1	1	NO
	Twin Bridges High	High	2	5	7	YES



COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Madison County Incident Command Team Objectives

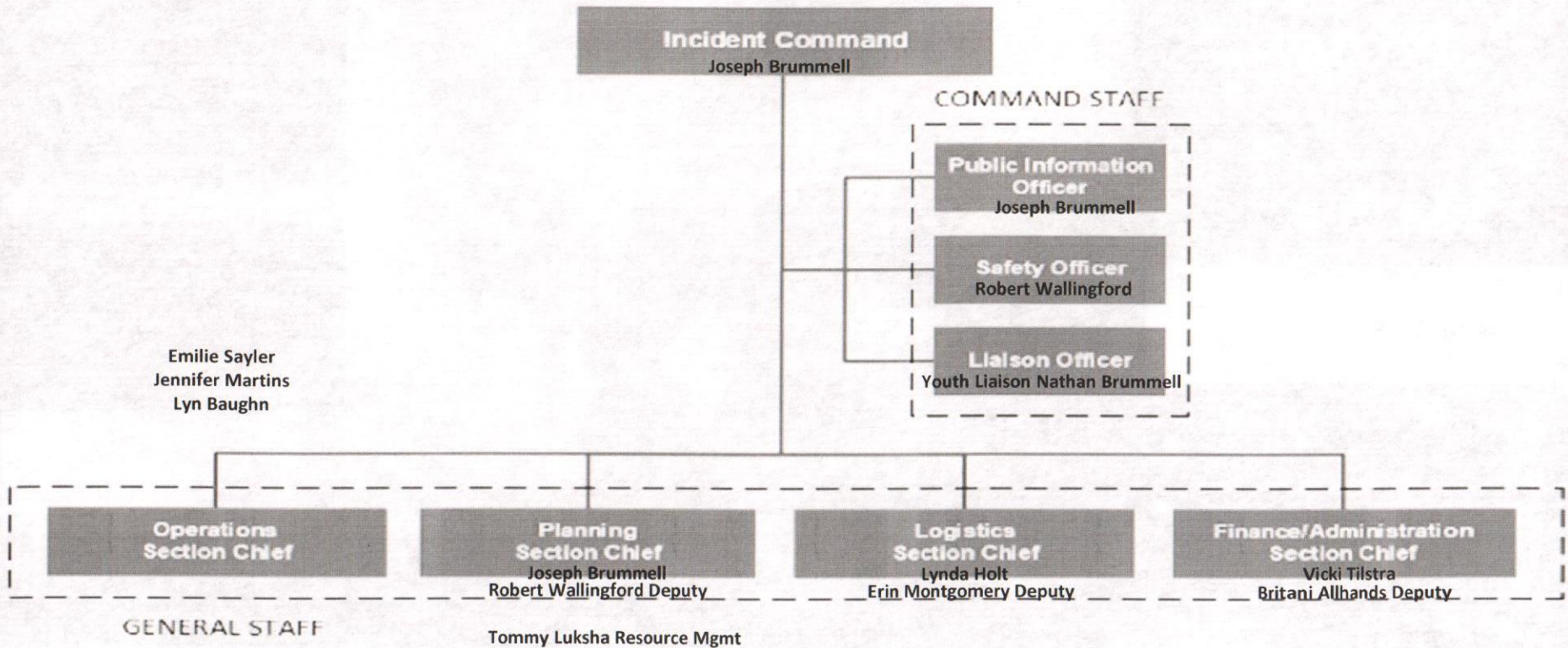
Current Operational Period to Extend until needed



- **Assist Public Health**
- Timely and accurately distribute information
- Maintain Situational Awareness and Impacts on the Local Healthcare Systems and Community including Schools
- Maintain Continuity of Operations; CMD/SATTrailer
- Coordinate with Forest & DNRC to assist on Wildland Fire Operations



COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Madison County Incident Command Team Command Structure





COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Madison County Incident Command Team



COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

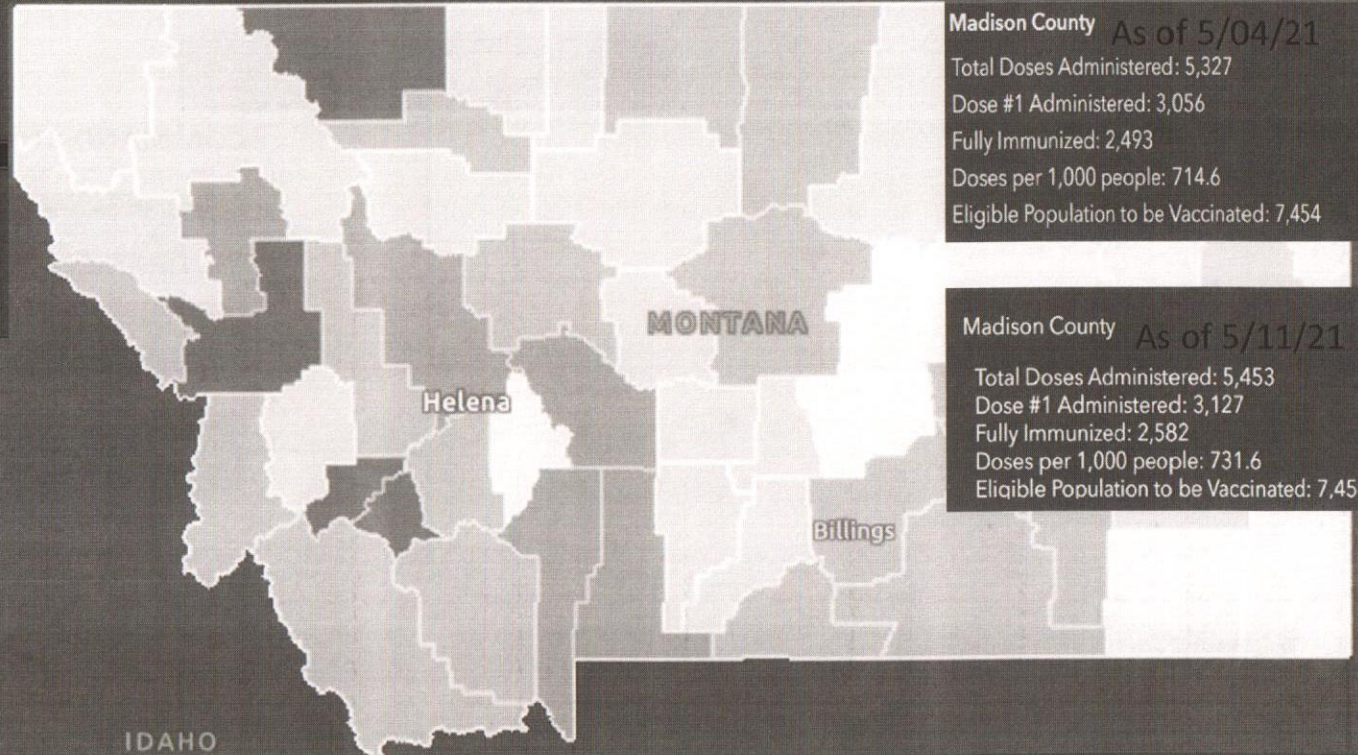
Total Doses Administered

779,086

Total Montanans Fully Immunized

372,806

As of 3/18/21



Madison County As of 5/04/21

Total Doses Administered: 5,327

Dose #1 Administered: 3,056

Fully Immunized: 2,493

Doses per 1,000 people: 714.6

Eligible Population to be Vaccinated: 7,454

Madison County As of 5/11/21

Total Doses Administered: 5,453

Dose #1 Administered: 3,127

Fully Immunized: 2,582

Doses per 1,000 people: 731.6

Eligible Population to be Vaccinated: 7,454

Madison County As of 5/20/21

Total Doses Administered: 5,652

Dose #1 Administered: 3,189

Fully Immunized: 2,729

Doses per 1,000 people: 726.8

Eligible Population to be Vaccinated: 7,777

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COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Situation Update



Per Montana State Financial Services Division

- No upcoming CARES Reimbursement Opportunities

US to ship 20 M COVID Vaccine's US to work with COVAX World Health Organizations
Distribution Organization

- 80 M by end of June

Potential Vaccination Savings

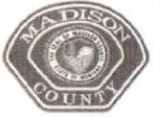
- Current US Population 35% vaccinated.
 - 33 Billion savings lost revenue
- 70 % vaccinated milestone this summer (heard immunity)
 - 53 Billion savings lost revenue

100 M Johnson & Johnson doses on hold; check for contamination

Flathead County

- Blackfeet Nation Opens COVID Clinics to Canadian Blackfeet 1st Nation

*Vaccines Still being administered at home of record



COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Legislative Update



HB 121: Require elected officials approval of local health board and officer actions.

- Signed by Governor 04/16/21

SB 178: Prohibiting state building codes from requiring mandatory fire sprinklers

- Signed by Governor 04/22/21

HB 264: "Move over law" Revised vehicle passing law

- Signed by Governor 04/29/21



COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Projects



Command Trailer

- 12 V Lights
 - Radios
 - Printers
 - Comforts
- 110 V LED
Computers/Laptops
Generator

MCI Trailer

- Shelving
 - 12 V LED
- Solar

Repeaters

- Spare Fluids at each site



COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Comments/Questions





COVID-19/DES LEPC Operational Briefing Propane Tank Debris



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Date: 05/20/21
Subject: Propane Tank Fires and Debris Letter of Concern
For: Madison River Propane Ennis
5658 Kessler Road
Belgrade, MT 59714
To Whom This May Concern:

Due to recent uptake of structure fires in and around Madison County, as well as the upcoming wildland fire season, it has been brought to the attention of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) that some propane end users are not following simple safety measures to ensure their safety, and the safety of the first responders of Madison County.

Several Rural Fire Districts within Madison County have noted that many propane customers are placing people and responders at significant risk within the county by doing the following:

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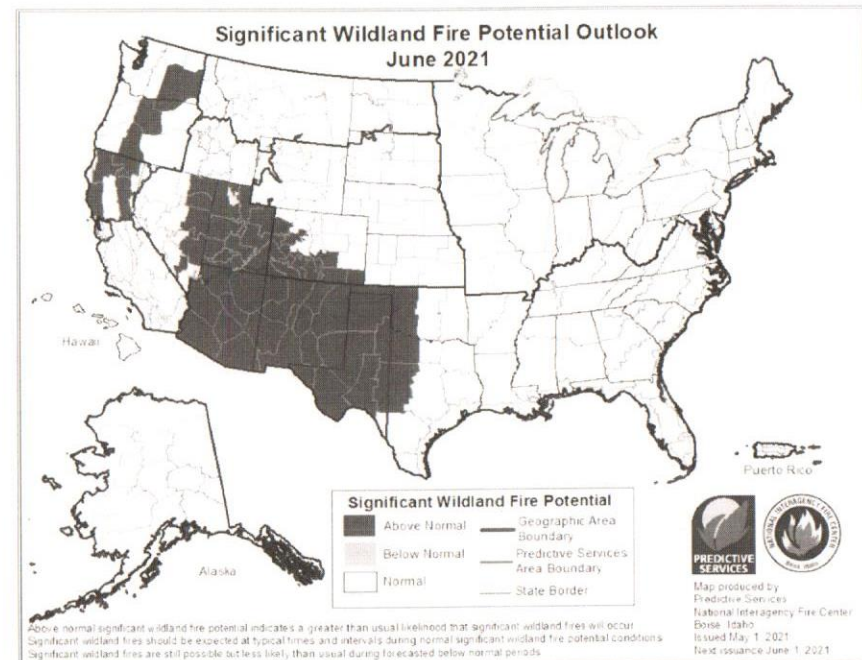
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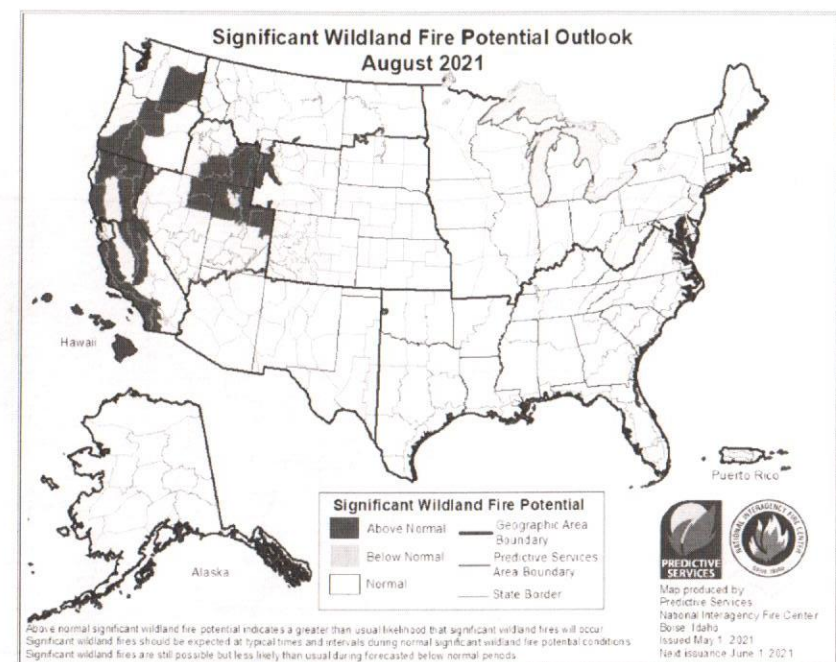
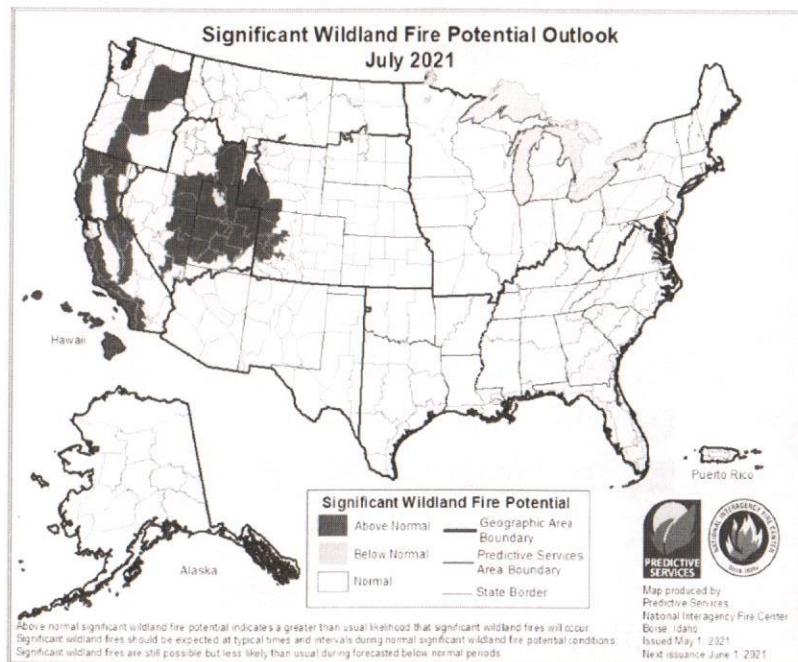


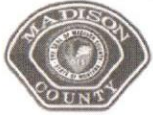


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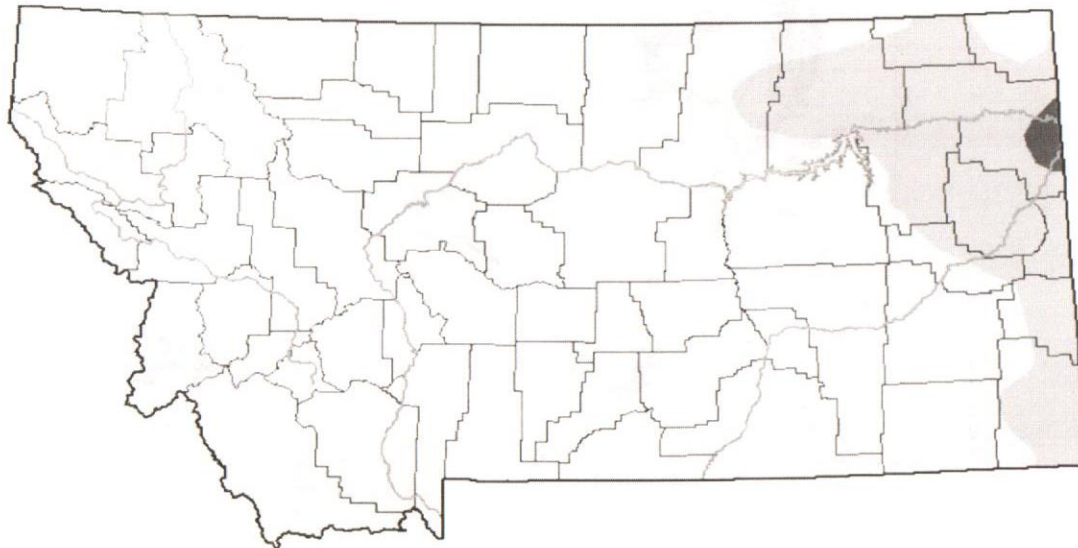


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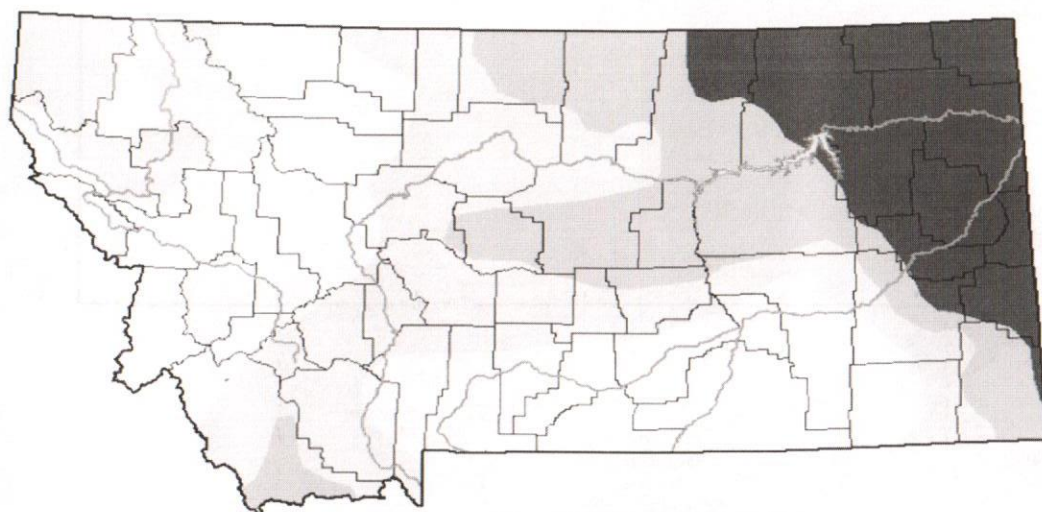
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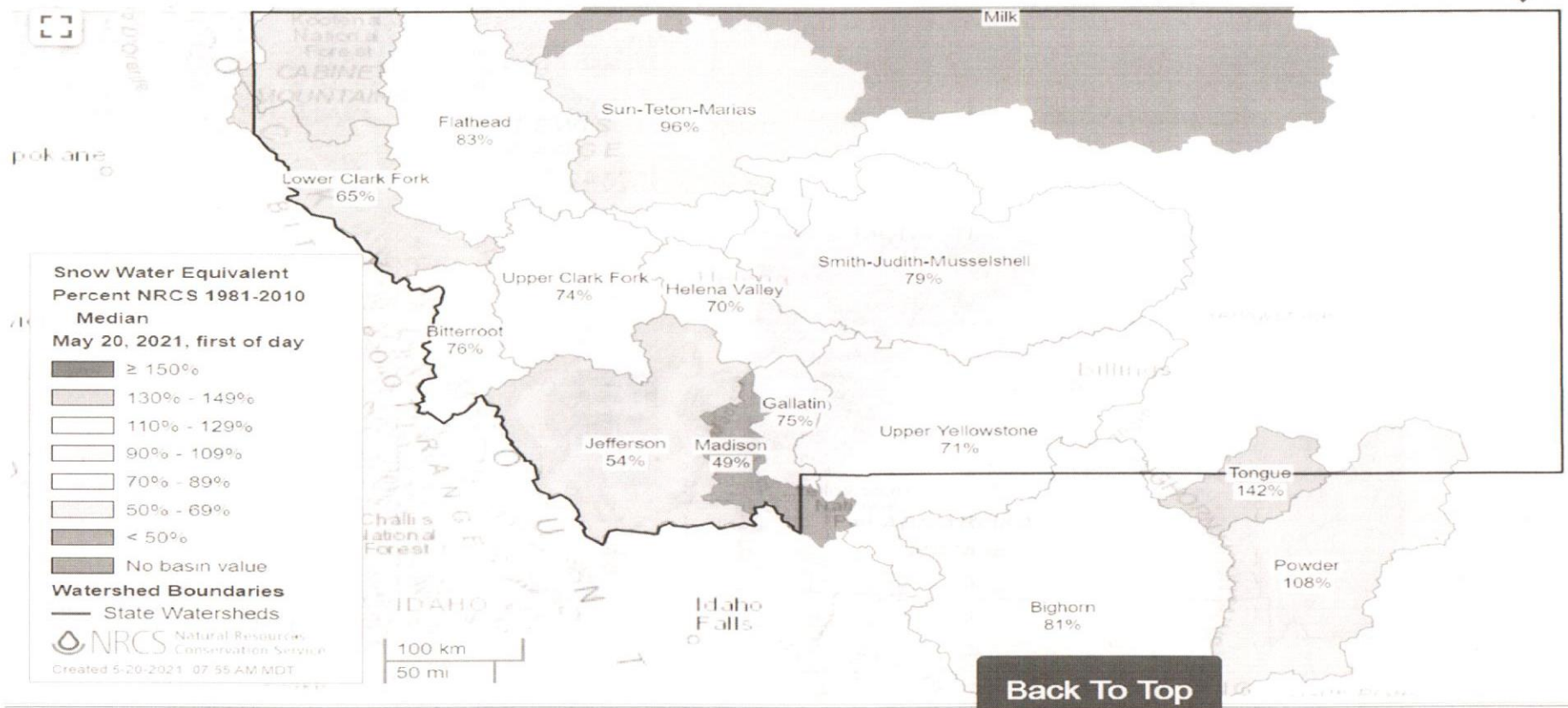
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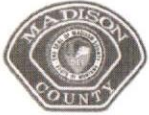
Open Burning: Any chance of Red/Flag, High Winds or Concerns we will temporarily close

Initial Attack: Safe, but aggressive

Online Resources:

- Northern Rockies Coordination Center <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nrcc/index.htm>
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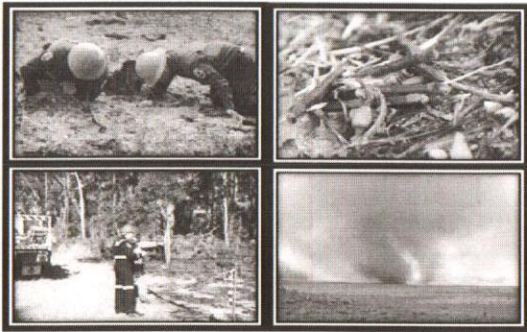
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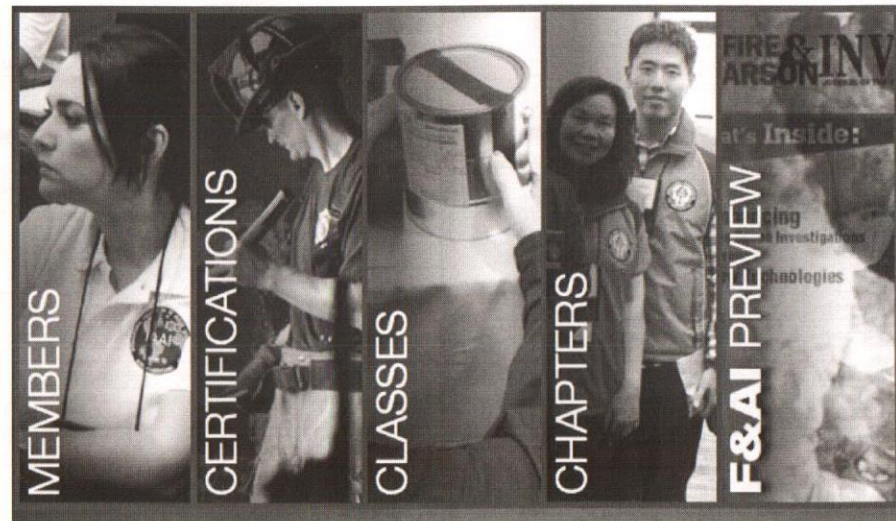
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